

We just had a recommittal motion where we had the opportunity to say, if you vote against this plan for your constituents, then you ought to decline it for yourselves. A vast majority of Members took it for themselves but declined to provide it for their constituents.

That's hypocrisy, Mr. Speaker.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. McDERMOTT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. McDERMOTT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### HONORING SARGENT SHRIVER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, Members, yesterday we lost a great American, a real hero when Sargent Shriver passed away.

My wife, Patti, and I were honored to be able to call Sarge our friend. He was a great mentor to both of us. Our lives were shaped, inspired, improved by the extraordinary vision and talent of Sargent Shriver when he built the Peace Corps.

We had the awesome experience to join the Peace Corps in its third year and to be assigned to Ethiopia. Were it not for Shriver's leadership, this iconic and pure American program would never exist.

Sargent Shriver became our close friend as the years went by. With each meeting, our love for Sarge grew, as did our respect for his endless enthusiasm and desire to improve the status of all.

In the 1990s, Patti had the opportunity to work closely with Sargent Shriver to spread the Peace Corps to Eastern Europe, Asia, and South Africa. His enthusiasm once again motivated Americans to join the Peace Corps and serve men, women, and children in every part of the globe.

America and the world will miss this compassionate and talented man.

Patti and I send our prayers and condolences to his family, and we will personally miss this amazing individual.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. POE of Texas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### AFGHANISTAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, last night I stood here and spoke about my experience visiting Bethesda Naval Hospital and seeing the broken bodies of our country's young men and women.

After that visit, I was very pleased to see an article this morning about Grover Norquist speaking out and encouraging fellow conservatives to speak out against the war in Afghanistan.

The article is from The Huffington Post on January 12, and one sentence in particular came to my mind. Norquist also suggested that many prominent conservatives privately hold the view that the war in Afghanistan should end quickly.

It is time for them to speak out publicly, Mr. Speaker. We need to become more engaged in the issue and make our feelings known.

Mr. Speaker, I had mentioned before that a retired military general has been my adviser on Afghanistan for the past year. I would like to share two points that he made in a recent email.

The first point he made is: "What is the end state we are looking to achieve? What are the measures of effectiveness? What is our exit strategy? Same old questions. No answers."

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The second point that the general made in his email to me: "What do we say to the mother and father, to the wife of the last soldier or marine killed to support a corrupt government and corrupt leader in a war that cannot be won?"

Mr. Speaker, I'm going to repeat that very quickly. From the retired general: "What do we say to the mother and father, to the wife of the last soldier or marine killed to support a corrupt government and corrupt leader in a war that cannot be won?"

These are valid points that we must think about. It is time that Congress and the American people look at what is really going on and what war really means. I would like to thank prominent conservative, Grover Norquist, for speaking out on Afghanistan. I hope this inspires others to do the same. History has shown that we cannot fix Afghanistan. It is in our best interest to learn from what history is trying to teach us, that no country has ever conquered Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, I have beside me "The Pain of War: A Broken Body." It's a young soldier who has lost both legs and an arm, and his young wife taking him into a room in a wheelchair. This party of mine, which I'm very proud to be a Republican, needs to learn, and again I want to thank Grover Norquist for speaking out and saying to conservatives, stop sending our boys and girls over there to come back with broken bodies or to come back in a coffin. It is time to end the war in Afghanistan. It

is time for Mr. Obama to keep his word to the American people, and that is to bring them out in July of 2011.

Mr. Speaker, before closing, I would like to say, as I always do, God please continue to bless our men and women in uniform. God please in Your loving arms hold the families who have given a child dying in Afghanistan and Iraq. God, please bless the House and Senate that we will do what is right in Your eyes for Your people. God, please give strength, wisdom, and courage to the President of the United States that he will do what is right for Your people. And God, three times I will ask, please, please, please God, continue to bless America.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION REDUCING NON-SECURITY SPENDING TO FISCAL YEAR 2008 LEVELS OR LESS

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112-3) on the resolution (H. Res. 38) to reduce spending through a transition to non-security spending at fiscal year 2008 levels, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 38, REDUCING NON-SECURITY SPENDING TO FISCAL YEAR 2008 LEVELS OR LESS

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112-4) on the resolution (H. Res. 43) providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 38) to reduce spending through a transition to non-security spending at fiscal year 2008 levels, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### THE TRUTH WILL SET US FREE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. AL GREEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it has been written many centuries ago that if we know the truth, the truth will set us free. The truth is, Mr. Speaker, that repeal of the current health care law means that we will reinstate conditions that existed prior to the repeal. The truth is that prior to the law that we currently have, we were spending \$2.5 trillion a year on health care. That's \$79,000 a second. That's 17.6 percent of GDP.

The truth is that if we had continued at that pace, we would spend by 2018 \$4.4 trillion per year, more than 20 percent of GDP, \$139,000 per second. The truth is that health care was going to bankrupt this country. CBO has estimated that this bill that currently passed that is in place now and is law, the health care bill that's law, saves